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SUBJ: SC CONSULTATIONS ON ME

GENEVA FOR MEPC DEL

1. AT INSISTENCE OF USSR, SC HELD INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS JAN 29 TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF UNTSO CHIEF OF STAFF AND AUGMENTATION OF UNEF. AS IT TURNED OUT UNTSO COS QUESTION ALONE WAS DISCUSSED. WHILE NOT OBJECTING TO APPOINTMENT OF GEN LILJESTRAND, SOVS ARGUED STRONGLY THAT A) UNTSO COS SHOULD BE APPROVED BY SC AND B) FUTURE APPOINTMENTS SHOULD FOLLOW PRINCIPLE OF EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION -- RATHER THAN, AS IN CASE IN UNTSO, BEING  
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DRAWN EXCLUSIVELY FROM WESTERN GOVERNMENTS. US INSISTED

THAT SYG HAD AUTHORITY TO APPOINT UNTSO COMMANDERS WITHOUT SC CONSENT OR APPROVAL, AND THAT IT COULD AGREE ONLY TO SC "NOTING" SYG'S INTENTION TO APPOINT LILJESTRAND. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED FOR PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS, WITH NO DECISION TAKEN.

2. AUSTRALIA, UK, INDONESIA, KENYA AND AUSTRIA INITIALLY AGREED WITH US THAT SYG'S AUTHORITY SHOULD NOT BE ERODED BY ANY FORMULATION THAT WOULD IMPLY SC HAD RIGHT TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT. FRANCE PROPOSED COMPROMISE LANGUAGE WHEREBY SC WOULD TAKE NOTE OF SYG'S INTENTION TO APPOINT UNTSO COS AND INFORM HIM IT HAD NO OBJECTION TO APPOINTMENT. TO MEET US OBJECTION THAT THIS WAS CLOSE TO APPROVAL, UK SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE FORMULA WHICH WOULD READ: "SC NOTED SYG'S INTENTION. . . TO WHICH NO OBJECTION WAS RAISED." WE SAID WE WOULD SEEK INSTRUCTIONS.

3. FOR SEVERAL REASONS, UK FORMULATION SEEMS TO US AN ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE. IN FIRST PLACE, UNTSO CHIEF OF STAFF POSITION IS, BECAUSE OF PRECEDENTS, UNLIKE TYPICAL PEACE-KEEPING COMMANDER SITUATION. FUTURE PEACEKEEPING COMMANDERS WILL, LIKE UNEF COMMANDING GENERAL, ALMOST CERTAINLY BE CHOSEN BY SYG WITH CONSENT OF COUNCIL. IN FACT, THIS IS US PEACEKEEPING DOCTRINE AS STATED IN COMMITTEE OF 33. SECONDLY, US POSITION HAS BEEN THAT SYG SHOULD CONSULT COUNCIL ON MATTERS SUCH AS COMMANDER, AND THAT HIS ACTION STANDS UNLESS CHALLENGED. THAT IS WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THIS INSTANCE. THIRD, WE WOULD PLAN TO LINK CONCESSION ON UNTSO COMMANDER TO TOUGH POSTURE ON UNEF AUGMENTATION. LATTER SEEMS TO US CLEAR CASE IN WHICH SYG HAS DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY TO ACT IN CONFORMITY WITH SC DECISIONS ON COMPOSITION OF FORCE, INCLUDING LOGISTICS COMPONENT. IT IS PROBLEM WHICH WILL COME UP REPEATEDLY IN FUTURE. FURTHERMORE SYG HAS PROPERLY CONSULTED WITH SC IN HIS LETTER EXPLAINING REASONS FOR INCREASED FORCE. THUS, WE WOULD AT THIS POINT PROPOSE TO CONCEDE ON UNTSO COS ONLY IF SC AGREES TO DO NO MORE THAN TAKE NOTE OF ENLARGEMENT.

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